



"GROWN MEN CAN LEARN FROM VERY LITTLE CHILDREN FOR THE HEARTS OF THE LITTLE CHILDREN ARE PURE. THEREFORE, THE GREAT SPIRIT MAY SHOW TO THEM MANY THINGS WHICH OLDER PEOPLE MISS."  
-BLACK ELK-

# First Budget Signing Ceremony Under the New Constitution



**On the 10<sup>th</sup> of April, Frank Ettawageshik signed the budget for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Government Center. This was the first major action of the Executive Branch for the 2007 fiscal year.**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK

### Annual Meeting

On Saturday, May 13, 2006, the first Annual Meeting under the new constitution for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians will be held at the Petoskey Middle School. Under Article I, Section C, of the constitution this meeting is to be called by the Executive each spring and be held under rules of conduct that are developed by the Election Board. By the time you are reading, this a mailing will have been sent to all tribal citizens that announces the date, time and place for the meeting including a communication from the Election Board with the rules of conduct for the meeting.

Under the new constitution and the election laws that have been enacted, each tribal member who wishes to vote in general and special elections must register under a process developed by the Election Board. This process of registering is also important because the list of registered voters will be used to determine the quorum for the Annual Meeting and will also be used in calculating the

number of petition signatures necessary for Voter Initiatives, Referendums and Recall of elected officials.

By now you should have received your voter registration materials from the Election Board. Please fill them out and mail them in. In order to have an effective tribal government that represents the tribe as a whole, it is important to have a large number of active voters participating in the elections and the annual meeting. Please make sure that your voice will be heard. Our future is in our own hands and voices.

### New Casino Construction

As I am writing this article, the foundations are going in the ground and some of the walls are already rising from those foundations! Soon the steel construction will begin. Furthermore, by the time this reaches you, we expect to have weekly updated pictures on the tribal website of the construction progress. Our projected opening date will be in June of 2007.

We have been working diligently to make sure that tribal member owned firms that wish to participate in the project will have the opportunity and that members who wish to work on the construction get the opportunity as well. Our Construction Services Contractor, Clark/Shingobee, has been interviewing people and will have a booth at the Annual Meeting. For many months now we have been running notices in the Odawa Trails asking people and firms to contact our Planning Department to be placed on advance lists that we have provided to the Contractor. Our goal is to provide as much opportunity for construction employment to our Tribal members as possible.

### US Senate Testimony

On Thursday, March 16, 2006, the US Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works held a hearing on the Great Lakes. The Tribal Caucus of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration chose me to provide testimony on behalf

of the Great Lakes Tribes. I was on a panel with Governor Bob Taft of Ohio presenting to the Committee on the importance of the preservation and restoration of the Great Lakes. The plan that was developed over the last two years, with significant tribal input, calls for nearly 20 billion dollars to be spent over a period of 15 years. We urged the Congress to move forward on this important work.

Following the Senate hearing, we held a press conference on the steps of the US Capitol Building. One of the topics that I mentioned was the Grandmother Waterwalkers and their upcoming walk around Lakes Ontario and Erie starting on April 28th. I presented this to illustrate that while we need to spend large sums of money to clean up major pollution sites, there are many things that we as individuals can do to help bring attention to the problems, and many things that cost very little that we can do to help with the healing of the Lakes and Waters.

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# Departments and Programs

**Tribal Directories**  
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## Tribal Telephone Directory

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		Jenifer Wilson, Office/Intake Coordinator	242-1642
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		Fiona Banfield, Administrative Assistant	242-1670

## Education Department

### Featured Native American Author:

Louise Erdrich (Chippewa) 1954 -

Louise Erdrich was born in Minnesota and grew up in North Dakota, where her parents worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Erdrich received an M.A. degree in 1979 from John Hopkins University. She is a novelist, poet, short story writer, essayist and critic. Her works examine the relationships among full and mixed blood Native Americans as they struggle with questions of identity in white European American culture. She lives in Minnesota and is the owner of Birchbark Books.

Works available by Louise Erdrich in the Education Department Cultural Library are:

Tracks  
Birchbark House (audio book available)  
The Painted Drum (audio book available)  
Love Medicine  
Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse (audio book available)  
Four Souls (audio book available)  
The Antelope Wife (audio book available)  
The Bingo Palace  
Books and Islands in Ojibwe Country  
The Game of Silence (audio book available)

Come check out our featured author and many other great titles and cultural resources. The library is located in the Education Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

## College Notes

### Attention College Students:

**Merit Scholarship Applications** are due after your semester grades are received. If you have earned a semester GPA of a 3.0 or better, please submit a completed Merit Scholarship application and a copy of your semester grade report to Katie Bauer. Please note, your Merit Scholarship application must be submitted within the current academic year. Your grades could be worth cash, so study hard!

### Summer Semester students:

If you are taking summer classes, please be sure to submit a copy of your Winter/Spring grades and a copy of your Summer schedule to the Education Department, attn: Katie Bauer. You may be eligible to continue with your Higher Education Scholarship funding throughout the summer semester. If you are NEW to college this summer, you will need to submit a completed application packet. If you have any questions, please call 231-242-1492.

## The Student Spotlight

This month's student spotlight would like to honor the following students:

Ashley Dominic, daughter of Jennifer and Bill Wilson and Brian Dominic, a 7th grader at Harbor Light Christian School, recently earned 5th place in the Charlevoix-Emmet county Spelling Bee. This gave Ashley the opportunity to compete in the Grand Traverse Regional Spelling Bee. Great Job Ashley!

Shaylee Smith, daughter of Janelle and Chuck Smith, a 3rd grader at Bishop Baraga Catholic School in Cheboygan, helped her team win the "Get Into the Cold" Tournament. Shaylee, who has been playing hockey for 6 years, scored one of the goals that the Cheboygan Rotary hockey team needed to win this big tournament in Mt. Pleasant. Way to go, Shaylee!



### *The First Tee of Boyne Highlands Youth Development Organization*

A new youth development organization focused around the game of golf is coming to our area this summer. The First Tee of Boyne Highlands was recently created to promote character-development and life enhancing values through golf.

Through The First Tee, children and teenagers discover how the skills essential to success on a golf course like self-management, interpersonal communication and goal setting, can help them flourish in life.

The fun programs open to all youth ages 7 to 17 will start May 22 at Boyne Highlands par-3 golf course behind the main lodge. There will be several program options throughout the summer. For more information and to see a detailed program schedule, visit [www.thefirstteeboynehighlands.org](http://www.thefirstteeboynehighlands.org)



# Language Department



## Anishinaabemdaa!

Let's Speak the Anishinaabe Language!



Marcella Jean Keller, nee Gasco, was born and raised in Enamaatigoing, which is Odawa for Cross Village. Marcella still lives in the village of Enamaatigoing where she and her family have lived for many years and a place that is significant to the roots of many Anishinaabe families.

Marcella was born October 12, 1936 "chizhaazhigo" she jokes. Her parents were Louis and Margaret Gasco. The Gasco name comes from zhaskonh, Odawa for muskrat. Her mother's maiden name was Bonishing, an Odawa name meaning White Bird derived from Bowaanishing. Marcella was the third of four daughters. She has three brothers and a half brother. Marcella's nickname when she was little was 'shorty,' and she's not really short but she is still somewhat petite. "I wasn't very tall. I was built kinda close to the ground, like mom used to always say."

As a child growing up in a large family, Marcella recalls good times when she and her family would go cherry picking for three to four weeks at a time, "that used to be a big deal, almost like going to another country." It helped out with school clothes money. There were many Indians that would go down there south of Charlevoix for seasonal work. She remembers her family staying in barracks, and many would set up small temporary camps together. They'd go swimming, it was a lot of fun. There would be all kinds of Anishinaabek gathered from different places.

Marcella recalls a humorous story of when she was growing up:

I was so close with my sister, Agnes, when we were growing up. It was her and I that milked the cows, we slopped the hogs, and we cleaned the barns. We'd ride our cows but we had guitars. We were like a couple of ole westerners. She'd ride the bull and I rode the cow. And we'd take them down to the lake to bring water. Then we'd pasture them out somewhere down there. Leave them out for three or four hours. Then we'd go down there and see if they were alright so that they weren't tangled up or something like that. When it was time to come home, about four o'clock in the afternoon, we'd have to go down and get them again. We'd take our gui-

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tars with us, flop them over our backs, go and get our cows. And we'd walk up the hill with them, we lived just about a couple blocks from town. After we'd get on top of the hill, then we'd get on our cow, play guitar and sing. The cows knew they were going home. Yeah, her and I were a couple of ole cowfolks.

Louis and Margaret, Marcella's parents, spoke fluent Anishinaabemowin, especially her mother who was very fluent and didn't use much English at all. Marcella has always been intrigued by the language. As a girl, she actively pursued using Odawa and visiting with other families in the neighborhood who spoke Odawa. She was very interested in sitting near the adults and elders as they visited and told stories in Anishinaabemowin.

"I picked it up by listening to mom and dad and going to all these other Indians' in the neighborhood, you know, used to go to Kenoshamegs, Eshkinaaks, [Kagabitangs, Kings, Mary Ann Francis] used to go all over to the old Indians' places. I used to like doing that.

They used to peddle fish, my dad was a fisherman. He'd bring in fish and I'd go and help clean 'em and I'd pack them on a sleigh and away I'd go. I was probably about ten -eleven years old when I used to do that. I'd go sit up there and talk with them and listen to them. It was really interesting. I knew I wanted to talk just like them,

be like them. You know, it was just in me and I picked up whatever I could. I was proud that I could speak to the elders... We're the elders now."

There's not that many elders around who speak Anishinaabemowin to each other. Glenna Kimball lives right down the road from Marcella, she comes over once in a while, or now and then Marcella will hop on her bike and go down and see Glenna. Occasionally Dean Samuels stops by and visits and they talk Indian to each other. Marcella gets together with the elders on Mondays for language. She uses Anishinaabemowin on a daily basis.

Marcella married Walter 'Pete' Keller in February 1953. They were blessed with twelve children, enh 12, - 10 boys and 2 girls - and raised them in Cross Village. Marcella has some regret that she didn't teach her children more Odawa, however in those days it was common practice not to because many parents felt their children would benefit more by learning English. Marcella did speak some Odawa to her children and they understand.

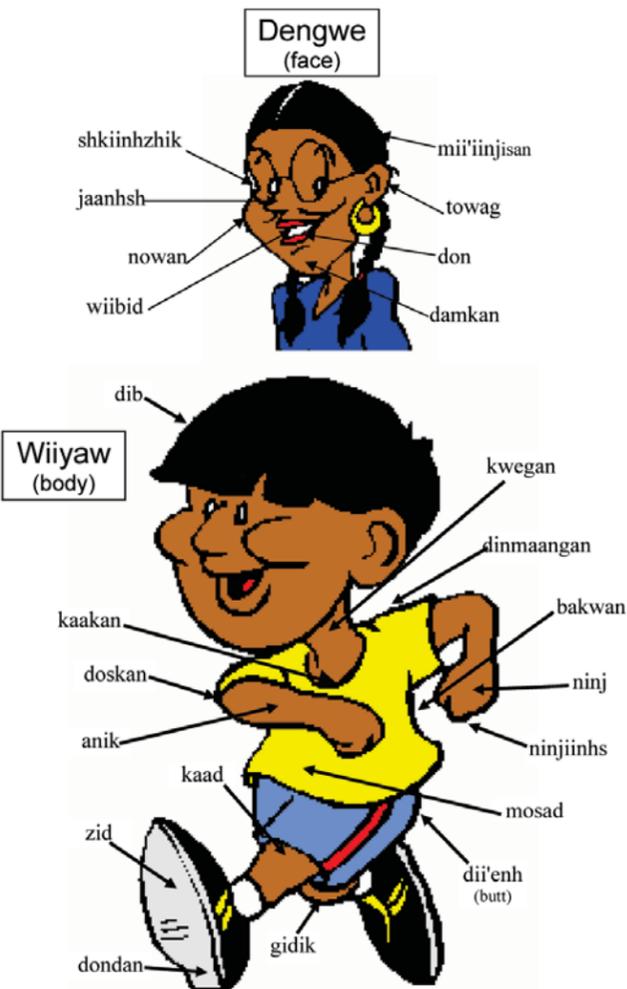
Marcella also taught Odawa to her husband Pete. Pete shares Marcella's love for the Odawa language. He understands really good and can speak some. "He likes the Indian news, that newsletter, he does all them puzzles in there and he does really good."

Pete and Marcella like going out and playing the casino slots, but their real passion - besides their family - is music. They are both musicians, both play guitar. Pete takes pleasure in playing the organ for church services. He can play just about anything and is known for playing fiddle.

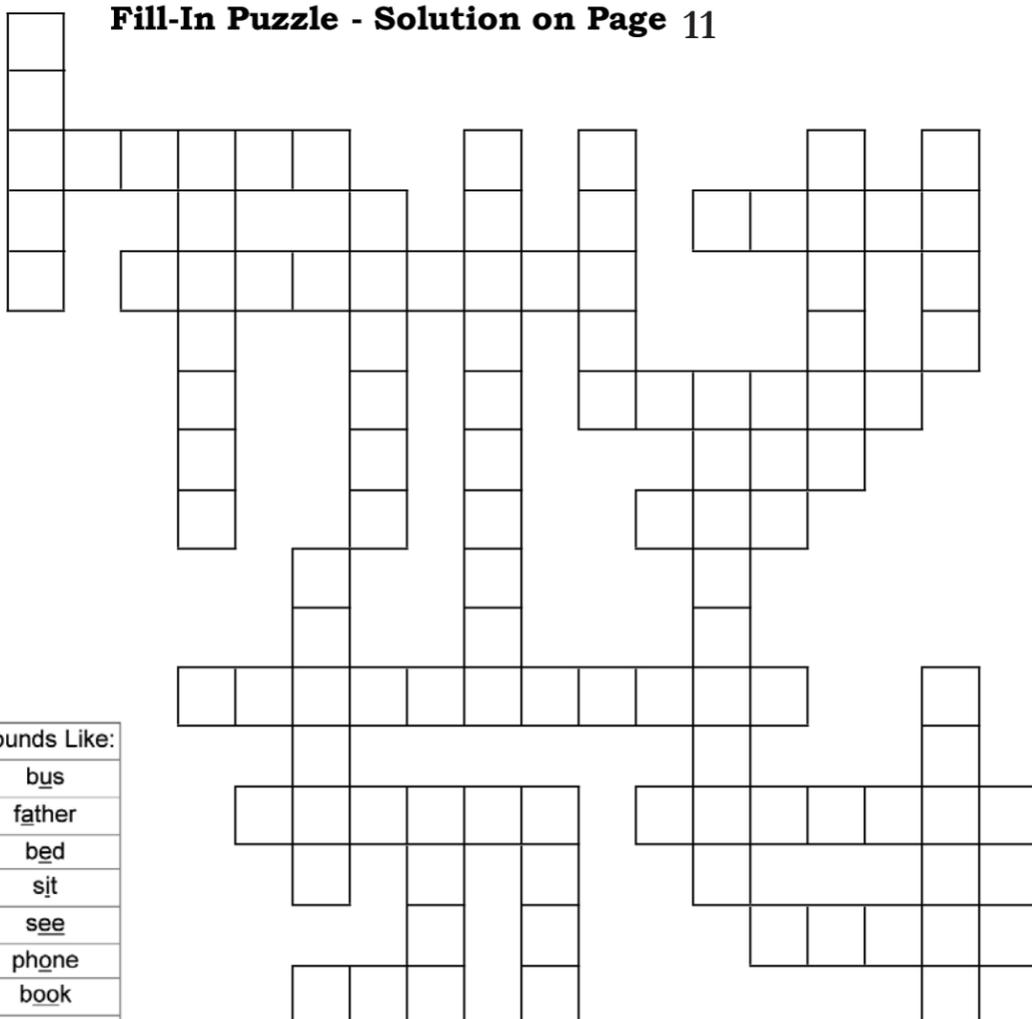
Allie, Marcella's younger sister, also has a deep desire to keep our language alive. Her understanding is very good and she speaks some. She is not as fluent as Marcella but that may be because she's the 'baby' in the family and there's a 10-year difference between them. Marcella encourages Allie's efforts as she works toward increasing her fluency.

Marcella mentioned that her niece is learning the language and taking classes and she wants to pass on what she learns to her little girl. "She said she's not going to give up. That's the way to keep it going."

Marcella is concerned about keeping Anishinaabemowin going, advancing and growing. "We are the True Americans, [this is] our first true language. Don't be afraid to try. Don't ever give up on it, it's not a lost cause. Kaawiin daaboontaasii: don't ever stop. Baamaampii kawaabmin, nawiingezin."



### Fill-In Puzzle - Solution on Page 11



Vowel	Sounds Like:
a	bus
aa	father
e	bed
i	sit
ii	see
o	phone
oo	book
nh	nasal sound

**Aambe Nwijiikwenh!**  
**ANISHINAABEMOWIN ETA**  
**Ensa ShkwaaNamegiizhigak**  
**NgoDabaganek - Nsodabaganek**

Weekly Language Get-Together with Elders  
 Mondays, 1 pm - 3 pm  
 Tribal Administration Building, Room 312

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Please contact us for more information, comments, questions, or suggestions. Miigwech



## Anishinaabemowin Community Language Classes

**Monday & Wednesday Evenings**  
**5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Mshkikigamig (LTBB Health Building)**  
**1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey**  
**(just north of Victories Casino)**

**Mondays**

The Language Program staff facilitates activities to promote learning, interaction and everyday usage.

**Wednesdays**

Instructor Kenny Pheasant presents in our Anishinaabe language, helping us to naturally gain understanding.

For more information, contact the Language Program at (231)242-1454, 242-1456, 1-888-309-5822

Sponsored by LTBB Language Program & Odawa Institute

## TUNE INTO NATURE AND LEARN ANISHINAABEMOWIN!!!

Have you ever been amazed by a small child of 3 or 4 who can teach you all the names of the dinosaurs?

Last month we had a look at "Seven Intelligences" that all children and adults use in learning. The educator, Howard Gardner, added an 8th intelligence that he calls the "Naturalist Intelligence." This is the ability to

recognize and classify plants, animals, and rocks. People with this gift are also good at seeing differences between cultural objects, from beadwork patterns to models of cars.

Exercising this gift is an excellent way to connect to Anishinaabe bimaadziwin (way of life) and language. Animals, foods, and medicines are at the center of many teachings.

Using Anishinaabemowin to think and talk about the natural world honors the traditions nurtured by those teachings, because the original names our people used described the qualities and attributes of plants and animals. The language speaks not just of who or what something is, but of its place in the world, just as it speaks of the Anishinaabek (the people who follow the good way) place in the world.



## Economic Development

Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum July 16-23, 2006  
 Mt. Evans Outdoor Education Lab School, Evergreen, Colo.  
 Deadline to Apply: May 1, 2006

The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society 16th Annual National Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum is scheduled for July 16-23 in Evergreen, Colo.

The practicum is designed to provide Native students an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the field of natural resources. One of the goals of the Society is to encourage Native youth to pursue careers in natural resource fields. The Society

believes in a re-awakening of the traditional values of Native-to-environment relationships that are needed for tribes to make effective and sound natural resource management decisions.

The program provides an academic experience in a mountain youth camp environment. During the program, students will spend their time at the Mt. Evans Outdoor Education Lab School of the Jefferson County School District participating in classroom sessions, field education, recreational activities, field trips, traditional methods, and interaction with professional, cultural and spiritual people. A unique aspect of the program is the use of Native American professionals who are active in the field along with the invaluable teachings of Native American Elders.

The Summer Youth Practicum is open to incoming 10-12th grade Native students who are interested in the preservation, protection and enhancement of natural resources. Because physical activities are part of the practicum, students must be in good physical condition.

For more information, please write or call Sally Carufel-Williams, youth practicum coordinator, Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, 8333 Greenwood Blvd - Suite #260, Denver CO, 80221-4483, ph: 303-466-1725; fax: 303-466-5414; swilliams@nafws.org.

All applications must be post-marked and mailed by May 1, 2006. Only complete applications will be considered.

## Planning Department

### RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOP CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS

By Benjamin P. Banfield, Planning Technician

The Renewable Energy workgroup includes governmental staff from the Environmental, Housing, Planning, GIS, Natural Resources, Economic Development, and Legal Departments, along with the Tribal Grant Writer, Tribal Administrator, and concerned Tribal Members. Since August, the workgroup has been working to identify future Renewable Energy options whose impact on

the environment would be less than fossil fuels presently being used. The workgroup continues to learn about renewable energy sources, as we are required to draft energy strategies on how the Tribe can move forward by promoting, educating our Tribal community about energy efficiency. The Tribe is fortunate to have many resources such as renewable energy industry experts, attendance at national

workshops to network with other tribes who have successfully implemented renewable energy sources and federal funding to complete our first steps program.

The workgroup drafted a vision statement: "To establish energy sovereignty on the Waganakising Odawa Reservation and the greater community for the next seven generations." and a mission

statement: "To develop renewable energy resources and foster energy conservation." The group is drafting a Tribal strategic energy plan which will be presented to the Tribal Council in the near future. The other group focus is to present information to smaller forums advocating the importance of energy efficiency within the home (save on utility bills) and other energy sources that may lessen the

impact on our environment. The workgroup facilitated a community presentation in January and a presentation to the New Casino Workgroup last month. Be on the lookout for more exciting community presentations in the future. The workgroup needs your input to make Renewable Energy Development successful!

## Mental Health Department

### STEPS TO A HEALTHIER ANISHINAABE

By Regina Brubacker, RN LTBB Health Educator

May is National Family Wellness Month. Wellness is defined in Webster's Dictionary as "the condition of good physical and mental health, especially when maintained by proper diet and exercise." As we head into the month of May, the weather slowly warms, the days are getting longer, and we begin to get more active. This month, we are pleased to announce a new partnership with the Northern Michigan Hospital Community Health Education Center and Petoskey Cardiology as we kick off "Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan 2006".

This program is in its 4th year, although this is the first year

LTBB has partnered in it. The goal is to encourage people to be active on a regular basis, and it is very similar to the Step Up program we participated in last winter. When someone signs up they will receive a booklet with useful information in it, such as rules, places to go, different activities they can choose from, and a log sheet. Every day try to do something, with a goal of accomplishing 100 miles in 100 days. This isn't as difficult as it may sound-bicycling at an easy pace for 18 minutes will accomplish the same amount of work as walking one mile. This is also a great opportunity to pursue wellness as a family, and role

model healthy behaviors for our children.

The kick off event will be taking place on May 1st in the evening at Emmet County Fairgrounds in Petoskey. At 6:00 pm there will be an easy walk through the nature trail at the college, and at 7:00 pm in the fitness center everyone is welcome to come and listen to Rob Sweetgall speak. Back in the early eighties, Rob was a chemical engineer with a sedentary lifestyle. After losing several family members to heart attacks, he decided to change his lifestyle before he too became a victim. He became a jogger, a marathoner, and then long distance walker.

He has walked across America many times, and his most recent walk took him through all fifty states. Since walking has the benefit of being an activity that anyone can participate in, he promotes fitness through walking to groups along the way. He is known to be a dynamic, easy to listen to speaker. There is no cost for either the kickoff event or the 100 Miles in 100 Days event. If you live in the area, please come and join us, and check out "Let's Get Moving, Northern Michigan."

May 12th is Florence Nightingale's birthday, and International Nurse's Day. The week of May 6th through the

12th is Nurse's Week. I know that there are a lot of tribal or community members who have been involved in nursing, either actively or retired, and I would like to say thanks for all their hard work and dedication. Nursing is one of a handful of careers that works hard, is underpaid, underestimated, and not given the respect they deserve, and still keeps working for their patients' best interests. If you know any nurses, make sure you give them a little recognition this week!

# Economic Development

## ATTENTION RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS:

At this time, the Economic Development Department would like to address some of the questions regarding the tax exemptions. The following is an excerpt from the Tax Agreement between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the State of Michigan:

### II. General Definitions

"Resident Tribal Member" means a Tribal Member whose principal place of residence is located within the Agreement Area.

The following Townships and/or portions of the following Townships, which are located in Emmet and Charlevoix Counties, are included in the Tax Agreement Area: Bliss, Cross Village, Center, Readmond, Friendship, Pleasantview, West Traverse, Little Traverse, Bear Creek, Resort, Bay, Hayes, and Charlevoix.

### III. Sales and Use Tax

#### 2. Resident Tribal Member

- a. Tangible personal property, other than motor vehicles, purchased or acquired by a Resident Tribal Member for his or her use is exempt from both sales tax and use tax if the transaction takes place in the Tribal and Trust Lands and the property is used exclusively within the Tribal and Trust Lands.
- b. Purchases by a resident Tribal Member of tangible personal property for personal use are exempt from both the sales tax and use tax if the transaction takes place in the Agreement Area and the property is used exclusively within the Agreement Area.
- c. Resident Tribal Members are exempt from both the sales tax and use tax on the following items regardless of where purchased or used provided they are purchased for non-commercial, personal use and principally garaged, berthed, or stored within the Agreement Area:
  - i. Passenger vehicles including automobiles, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles

- ii. and motorcycles; Recreational watercraft;
- iii. Snowmobiles; and
- iv. Off road vehicles.

- d. Resident Tribal Members are exempt from both the sales tax and the use tax on modular homes and mobile homes used as their principal residence.
- e. The exemptions in § III (A) (2) (c), § III (A) (2) (d), and § III (A) (3) (b) shall apply in full to purchases by a Resident Tribal Member even if the items are jointly titled in the name of the Resident Tribal Member and his or her spouse.

residence located within the Agreement Area.

In addition, telephone (intrastate and interstate), telegraph leased wire, internet, cable, and other similar communications rendered to and paid for by the Tribe, a Tribal Entity, or Resident Tribal Member are exempt from both the sales tax and the use tax if the service is rendered to.... or (iii) a Resident Tribal Member's principal residence located within the Agreement Area.

**PLEASE NOTE: This means that if the utilities are in a family member's name that is a non-Tribal Member, they need to be switched into the Tribal Member's name in order to be eligible for the exemption.**

The utility providers that have been contacted thus far are:

Waste Management, Alanson South, Alanson North, Top Rank Disposal, Emmet County Recycling & Waste Disposal Services, Consumers Energy (Boyer City and Cheboygan), Great Lakes Energy, Michigan Consolidated Gas, Petoskey Propane, Amerigas, Derrer Oil & Propane, Holtons LP Gas, Cities of Petoskey-Harbor Springs-Charlevoix Dept. of Public Works, Charter Communications, Cellular One of Petoskey, SBC Ameritech, AT&T, MCI, DTE, Direct TV, Dish Network and Lodgenet.

**RTM status is established on the 1st day of the preceding month from which the Tribal Member has notified the Enrollment Department of their new address. This is done by filling out a Change of Address form. Newly enrolled Tribal Members residing within the Tax Agreement area will be automatically added.**

RTM lists are sent once per month to the State of Michigan. Utility providers are up-dated once per quarter by the State. Therefore, exemption from State taxes on utility bills may not be seen until the following quarter.

Newly enrolled Tribal Members and Tribal Members who has recently moved into the Tax Agreement Area are urged to contact Economic Development to fill out a utility provider survey.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Economic Development Department: Theresa Keshick- Economic Development Research Asst. @ (231) 242-1584 or Susan Swadling-Economic Development Assistant @ (231) 242-1582.

#### 3. Affixation to Real Estate

- a. Materials that are purchased, used or acquired in the performance of a contract entered into by the Resident Tribal Member, Tribe, or Tribal Entity for construction, renovation or improvement of real property owned by the Tribe or federal government in trust for the Tribe are exempt from both sales tax and use tax if the real property is located within the Tribal and Trust Land and there is no contractual entitlement for a non-Resident Tribal Member or non-Tribal Entity to remove the improvement.
- b. Materials that are purchased, used or acquired in the performance of a contract for construction, renovation or improvement to the principal residence of a Resident Tribal Member are exempt from both the sales tax and the use tax.

#### 7. Sale of Electricity, Natural or Artificial Gas, Home Heating Fuels, and Telecommunications and Internet Services

Sales of electricity, natural gas or artificial gas, home heating fuels and all transmission and distribution charges are exempt from both the sales tax and use tax if the product is delivered to..... or (iii) a Resident Tribal Member's principal

# Human Resources Department

## INTERESTED IN WORKING FOR LTBB?

LTBB Human Resources is starting a database of LTBB Tribal members who are interested in working for the LTBB Government. To be included in this database, send us a resume and letter which includes your fields of interest. **IMPORTANT:** We need an email address so that we can email you when a position becomes available that meets your interests.

Please check our website, [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) for current openings within the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Government. Or call our toll-free job hotline at 1-866-582-2562. Job postings are updated every Friday.

Send your resume and letter to: LTBB Human Resources  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740



# 2nd Annual Electronic Swap & Recycle Saturday May 13th 2006

Bring in your old used electronics swap, or recycle them, or just browse and see what you can take home with you for **FREE!** This is open to all Tribal Citizens, Government Employees, and Enterprise Employees. This is your chance to dispose of your old used equipment for **FREE!**

Bring in your USED: TV's, VCR's, Computers, Radios, Phones, Calculators

During the LTBB Community Meeting

Do you have old, used batteries? Bring those in too, we'll recycle them for FREE!

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

For more information Please contact:  
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Environmental Services Department  
Regina Gasco 231.242.1574  
Rachel Schwarz 231.242.1571



## Original Pictures of Elder Veterans in Uniform Wanted.

The Elder's Association is making a calendar of Elder veterans for 2007.

If you are interested in submitting a picture please send it with the following information:  
Names, Dates, Branches to:  
Elders Association  
7500 Odawa Circle,  
Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740

Miigwech

The Trust Fund Board is looking for a current address for Shawn Brophy. If anyone has any information please write to: LTBB of Odawa Indians, Trust Fund Board, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

## Temporary Help Wanted

- Do you want to:
  - Work in an office setting? **Gain experience?**
  - Work in the tribal community? **Make a little money?**
  - Are you a tribal member? **Temporary positions available!**

Work as little as one day or as long as a month!!! Contact the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians Human Resources Department today!

Call Today!  
(231) 242-1555

# The Native News

## On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Tina Sutton



**Michigan**  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Council Point Traditional Pow Wow  
Lincoln Park, MI  
Contact Information:  
Bryan Halfday (313)615.6612  
Fay Givens (313)388.4100

June 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>  
Bay Mills Honoring Our  
Veterans Contest Pow Wow  
Brimley, MI  
Contact Information:  
Richard LeBlanc  
(906)248.3715  
or raleblanc@bmic.net  
**Wisconsin**

May 19-21  
17<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of  
Warriors traditional  
Pow Wow  
Keshena, WI. Woodland Bowl  
Contact Information:  
(715)799.3264 or  
(715)799.3229

May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>  
Ho-Chunk Wazijaci Memorial  
contest Pow Wow  
Black River Falls, WI. Red  
Cloud Memorial Park.  
Contact Information:  
(800)294.9343 ext. 1123 or  
(608)847.5694

June 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual LOC Ojibwe School  
Contest Pow Wow  
Hayward, WI  
Contact Information:  
(715)634.8924  
www.lcoschools.bia.edu

June 8<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Milwaukee, WI  
Contact Information:  
(414)345.3561 or (414)345.3060

June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Strawberry Moon  
Traditional Pow Wow  
Mole Lake, WI  
Contact Information:  
(715)478.7605

June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
Honor The Firekeepers  
Lake Geneva, WI  
Contact information:  
Gary Adamson (262)348.2784

June 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

14<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Croix Casino &  
Hotel contest Pow Wow  
Turtle Lake, WI  
Contact Information:  
Casino Marketing  
(800)846.4946 or Aimee Juan  
(800)236.2195 ext. 5188  
www.stcroixcasino.com

June 30<sup>th</sup>  
34<sup>th</sup> Annual Oneida  
contest Pow Wow  
Oneida, WI  
Contact Information:  
(920)496.7897 or  
(800)236.2214  
www.oneidanation.org

### Minnesota

May 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>  
Mothers Day traditional Pow Wow  
Minneapolis, MN. Cedar Field  
Contact Information:  
(612)724.0023

May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Fond du Lac Tribal and  
Community College Honoring  
our  
2006 Graduates  
traditional Pow Wow  
Fond du Lac, MN  
Contact Information:  
Anishinaabe Student  
Congress Esther Humphery,  
Liz Barra, Merilin Deegan  
(218)897.0745  
asc@s.fdlcc.edu  
my3gsc@yahoo.com

May 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>  
Leech Lake Spring  
traditional Pow Wow  
Cass Lake, MN. Veterans  
Memorial Gardens  
Contact Information:  
(218)335.7400

May 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seven Clans Casino  
Contest Pow Wow  
Thief River Falls, MN.  
Contact Information:  
Ron Lussier  
(800)881.0712 or  
ralussier@sevenclanscasino.com

May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Veteran's Memorial Day  
Traditional Pow Wow  
Mille Lacs, MN. Mille Lacs  
Indian Museum  
Contact Information:

(320)532.3632

June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Bear Creek  
Traditional Pow Wow  
Rochester, MN  
Contact Information:  
Kathy Timmers (507)367.2697  
or  
nacsemn@earthlink.net

June 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>  
Sha-Gii-Bah-Gah  
traditional Pow Wow  
Nett Lake, MN  
Contact Information:  
(218)757.3261  
www.powwowtime.brave-  
host.com  
bf\_powwow@yahoo.com

June 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>  
138<sup>th</sup> Annual White Earth  
Celebration And  
Traditional Pow Wow  
White Earth, MN  
Contact Information:  
Dennis Hisgun  
(218)935.2839,  
(800)950.3248 ext. 1337

June 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>  
29<sup>th</sup> Annual Lower Sioux  
traditionat Pow Wow  
Morton MN,  
Contact Information:  
(507)697.6185  
www.jackpotjunction.com

June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Bear Creek  
Traditional Pow Wow "Honoring  
Our Warriors"  
Rochester, MN  
Contact Information: Native  
American Center of SE  
MN-office (507)367.2697  
nacsemn@earthlink.net  
nacsm.org

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk For Sobriety

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American Walk for Sobriety will be held on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2006, at 8:00 AM, at the Sixth Street Bridge Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Following a brief ceremony with local speakers, participants will start the 2.5-mile walk along Monroe Ave., and proceed down to the Three Fires Pow-Wow Grounds at Riverside Park. Prizes will be awarded to walkers. Contact Liz IsHak at native American Community Services for more detailed information at (616) 458-4078 ext. 105.

## !FREE Household Hazardous Waste Drop off Day!



The average residential home can generate as much as 100 pounds of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) in the basement, garage, and storage closets. HHW is that portion of a household product, which is no longer useable and can be harmful to the environment or to human health if not properly disposed. The best solution to the problem is to avoid buying toxic products. If you must buy toxic chemicals, try to buy just the amount needed to complete the job, or research some possible alternatives for using hazardous or toxic chemicals.

There are just three chemicals that cannot be dropped off:

- No modern Latex paints.
- No explosives and ammunition.

- No radioactive materials.

Some common examples of Household Hazardous Waste are:

- Pesticides, including weed killers;
- Cleaners and polishes;
- Finger nail polish;
- Aerosols;
- Automotive fluids;
- Oil paints, other finishes, and their thinners;
- Photographic chemicals;
- Flammables;
- Adhesives, sealers, and tar



Both Rachel Schwarz and Regina Gasco are volunteering for spring and fall sessions of the Emmet County Department of Public Works Household Hazardous Waste Days. All interested Emmet County Residents need to schedule a 15 minute appointment.  
The event starts Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM on April 22, June 10, and September 30.

Please call Emmet County Department of Public Works at 231.348.0660 to schedule your appointment today! (Mention the 2006 Household Chemical Drop off Days).

All HHW Drop off Days are FREE for all Emmet County Residents. For more information about Waste Exchange and the disposal of HHW, please contact us at (231) 242-1574 or Emmet County Department of Public Works at (231) 348-0640

More information is also available at our website:  
<http://www.lbbodawa-nsn.gov/environmental/EFramsct.htm>

## Community Resources

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

### Food Distribution Program

#### General Information

- Low-income program
- Alternative to Food Stamps
  - Cannot receive commodities & food stamps in same month.
- Native Americans living in the 27 counties-see map (north of & east of arrows)



Community Resources  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Phone: 231-242-1626



## Tribal Contractors

Clark Construction is still looking for Tribally Owned contractors to work on the New Casino Project. Contact Duane Wixom at Clark at (231)348-9300

**FREEDOM FROM SMOKING  
THE ANISHINABE WAY  
7 WEEK TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAM**

**LOCATION: LTBB HEALTH PARK  
1080 HAGER DRIVE, PETOSKEY, MI 49770  
CONTACT CATHY GIBSON @ 231-242-1601 TO SIGN UP.**

**ALL CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 5:30-6:30 P.M.  
IN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH/DIABETES DEPARTMENT.**

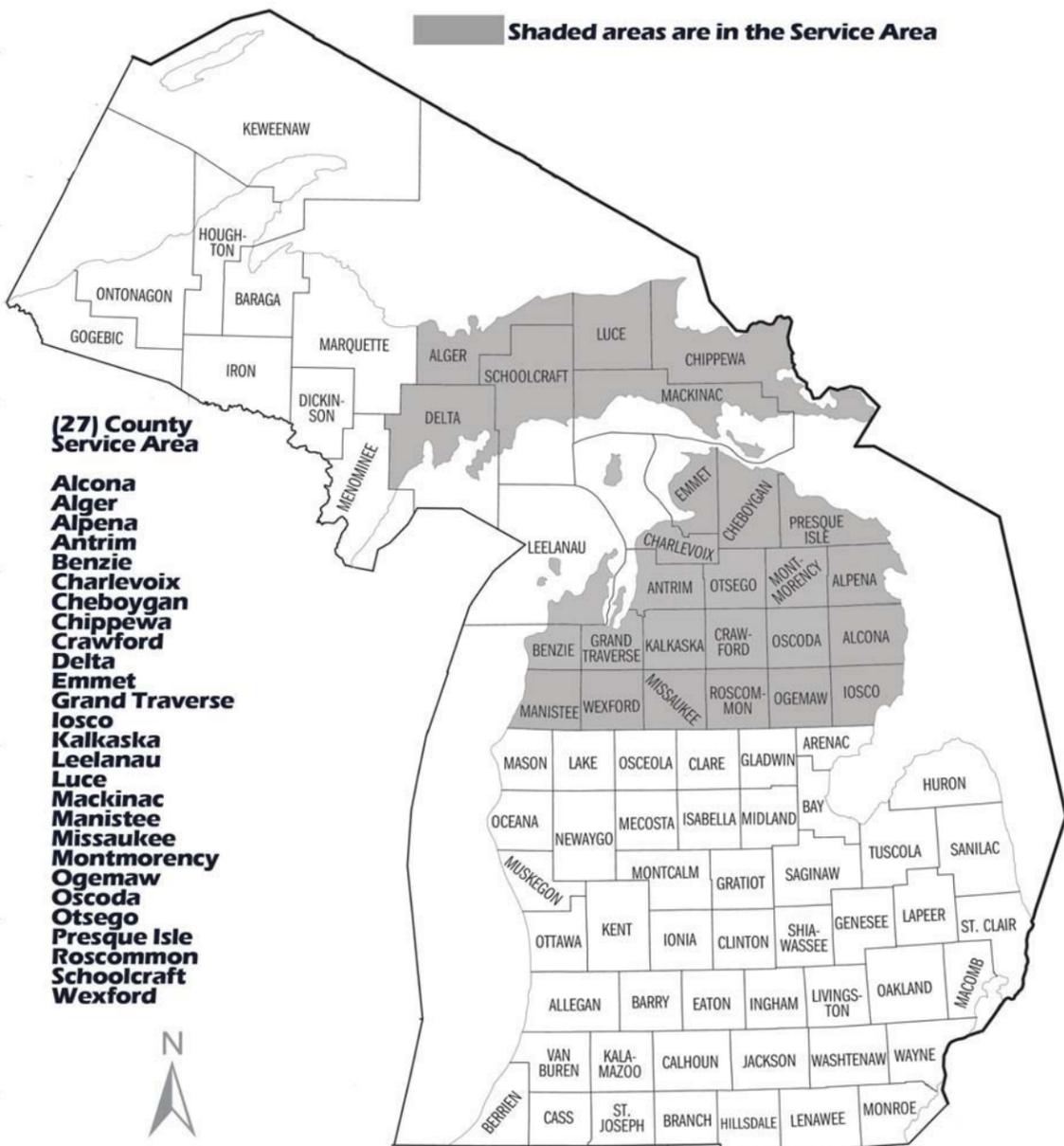
**CLASS DATES:**  
**WED, MAY 17, 06 - ORIENTATION**  
**MAY 24, 06 - ON THE ROAD TO FREEDOM**  
**MAY 31, 06 - WANTING TO QUIT**  
**JUNE 7, 06 - QUIT DAY**  
**JUNE 7, 06 - 48 HOURS/REPORT FRIDAY**  
**JUNE 14, 06 - THE NEW YOU**  
**JUNE 21, 06 - STAYING OFF**  
**JUNE 28, 06 - CELEBRATION**



**SEMMA GIINWI ANAMIE BGDINIGEMI  
WE OFFER TOBACCO IN A SACRED WAY.**

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area**

Shaded areas are in the Service Area



**(27) County Service Area**

**Alcona  
Alger  
Alpena  
Antrim  
Benzie  
Charlevoix  
Cheboygan  
Chippewa  
Crawford  
Delta  
Emmet  
Grand Traverse  
Iosco  
Kalkaska  
Leelanau  
Luce  
Mackinac  
Manistee  
Missaukee  
Montmorency  
Ogemaw  
Oscoda  
Otsego  
Presque Isle  
Roscommon  
Schoolcraft  
Wexford**

**Programs receiving funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and some Indian Health Services (IHS) are limited to serving members within a 27 county service area.**

**The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Welcomes you to the  
13<sup>th</sup> Annual Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp**

Celebrating the unity of what our Language & Culture brings us  
**Bring your Nation Flag & Gift for Giveaway**

No Registration fee Meals are provided

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<b>Manistee Mi</b>	<b>July 28, 29, 30 2006</b>

<p><b>Friday July 28</b></p> <p>8:00 Opening &amp; Breakfast              9:15 Presentations / workshops              10:45 Presentations / workshops              12:00 Lunch              1:15 Presentations / workshops              2:45 Presentations / workshops              4:15 Free time              5:00 Dinner              7:00 Talent show              9:00 Entertainment</p>	<p><b>Saturday July 29</b></p> <p>8:00 Breakfast              9:15 Presentations / workshops              10:45 Presentations / workshops              12:00 Lunch              1:15 Presentations / workshops              2:45 Presentations / workshops              4:15 Free time              5:00 Dinner              7:00 Jingtamok / pow wow              9:30 Entertainment</p>
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<p><b>Sunday July 30</b></p> <p>8:00 Breakfast              9:15 Presentations / workshops              10:45 Presentations / workshops              12:00 Lunch &amp; Giveaway</p>	
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These presentations and workshops are for all ages and both Anishinaabemowin and English will be used. First come, first serve for the camping area. This gathering will take place at the pow wow grounds in Manistee Mi. located at the corner of M 22 and US 31 S across from the Casino. There are showers on site. If you wish to book a room you have to do it early. This is the 13 year anniversary of this gathering and we would like everyone to bring their flags from each community and we would like to display the flags on the camp grounds the whole weekend to show unity and support for the language and culture. Also we encourage each family to bring a gift for the giveaway.

Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishinaabe Nation  
 For more information please call  
**Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant at 231-933-4406 or 231-690-3508**  
 Email: [kennypheasant@charter.net](mailto:kennypheasant@charter.net) [pheasant9@aol.com](mailto:pheasant9@aol.com)

Or Terri Raczkowski at 231-398-2221 Email: [traczkowski@lrboi.com](mailto:traczkowski@lrboi.com)

Aanii Tribal Elder,

We need your help. We are looking for Tribal Elders that are receiving care giver services and have help with daily living activities. There are funds available to provide respite for those people and family members that are caring for our elders. There is also money that can be used to provide special equipment that would make the care giver's job easier.

The following requirements must be met to be eligible:

1. Tribal member
2. Live within the 27 county service area (Alger, Delta, Schoolcraft, Luce, Mackinac, Chippewa, Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Charlevoix, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Leelanau, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco)
3. at least 60 years old
4. unable to perform 2 of the following activities for daily living:
 

a. Eating	f. Laundry
b. Toileting	g. House cleaning
c. Dressing	h. Use the telephone
d. Hygiene	i. Use public transportation
e. Food preparation	j. Shopping

If you or someone you know may be eligible, please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return it in the pre-paid envelope. You may also contact me at 1-888-309-5822 if it is more convenient. We hope that this finds you happy and in good health.

Sincerely,

Michele Keshick, R.N.  
 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa  
 Community Health Manager

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Care Giver(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Elder's relationship to Care Giver: \_\_\_\_\_

# JOHN TWO-HAWKS

## AMERICAN INDIAN FLUTIST, SINGER AND MUSICIAN

*On gentle winds of spirit and wisdom, across ancient mountains and prairies and into the heart of Petoskey comes the healing sound of an Indian cedar flute. It is the enchanting flute of Native American virtuoso flutist, John Two-Hawks, who will appear in concert at the Petoskey Middle School Theater in Petoskey Michigan on Friday, June 16th at 7:30pm.*

*This powerful, inspirational concert will be one stop on the national tour of John Two-Hawks as he releases his newest CD, 'Come to the Fire'....*

*Two-Hawks, who has been nominated for multiple Nammys, (Native American Music Awards), will be pulling out all the stops for this new CD tour. John's concert and music is enriched with spiritual inspiration and the wisdom of the old ways. Concert goers across the globe have enjoyed the amazing flute music and deep spirit of the John Two-Hawks concert experience.*

*John's credits include 12 CDs, 3 books, 1 DVD, 1 Platinum Album Award and he has created music for the History Channel. An American Indian of Lakota heritage, John travels the world performing, teaching, and sharing the profound wisdom and life lessons found in the diverse culture of the indigenous people of Turtle Island (North America).*

*The concert is sponsored by Circle Studios, The Sage Center and Blissfest.*

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231-348-3334 OR CALL 866-444-0940 OR VISIT:  
WWW.JOHNTHWOHAWKS.COM**

Commission Meeting Dates

	<p><b>Indian Child Welfare</b></p> <p>May 6, 2006 June 3</p> <p>Meeting location is 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, Michigan. All meetings open unless noted in closed session.</p>	
<p><b>Housing Commission</b></p> <p>All meetings are open to the public unless otherwise posted as a closed session.</p> <p>May 8, 2006 June 5, 2006</p> <p>All meetings start at 3:30pm and are being held at the Government Complex at 7500 Odawa Circle. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of your Housing Commissioners.</p>	<p><b>Health Commission</b></p> <p>May 6, 2006 June 12, 2006</p> <p>Meetings held at Bear River Health Park at 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>Enrollment Commission</b></p> <p>May 15, 2006 June 19, 2006 July 17, 2006 August 21, 2006</p> <p>Meetings begin at 5:00 PM and are located in the Enrollment Commission Workroom #118 at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. All meetings are open to the Tribal membership unless otherwise posted.</p>
<p><b>Trust Fund Board</b></p> <p>May 12, 2006 at 4:00 PM August 13, 2006 at 9:00 AM November 19, 2006 at 9:00 AM</p> <p>All meetings are being held in room 312 at the Government Complex at 7500 Odawa Circle</p>	<p><b>Economic Development</b></p> <p>May 6, 2006 May 7, 2006</p> <p>June 10, 2006 June 11, 2006</p> <p>Meetings are located at 1345 US 31 N. at 9:30am</p>	<p><b>Natural Resources Commission</b></p> <p>May 10, 2006 May 24, 2006</p> <p>June 14, 2006 June 28, 2006</p> <p>Meetings held at the NRD Building at 6 pm</p>

**Child Passenger Safety Seats Available**

- Infant Car Seats (available soon)
- Convertible Car Seats
- High Back Booster Seats
- Booster Seats



Contact Information:  
Tina Shawano, MCH RN  
Child Passenger Safety Technician  
Health Start Program  
Bear River Health Park  
(231) 242-1614



Looking For Ex-Smokers Willing to Tell Their Stories

One of the areas the Steps Grant focuses on is smoking cessation efforts. Michigan ranks high among the states for the percentage of smokers, and the health impact continues to grow. Many organizations are looking for ways to improve how we currently run smoking cessation classes, and the best way I can think of is to get information from the successful. I know there are a lot of people out there who have managed to quit smoking, and I would like to talk with you about your efforts to quit; what worked, what helped, what didn't help and what would you recommend to others who are trying to quit.



Please don't dismiss this notice because you don't think there was anything remarkable or dramatic about your effort. Your story may be just the inspiration someone out there needs to hear and you just don't know it yet!

If you have any questions, or are willing to share your story with me, call me at 1(231)242-1664 or email me at [rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) and I will set something up. Also, if you are a smoker who is interested in quitting, or who has tried to quit and not been successful yet, or a family member of someone who walked on because of smoking-related illness, I would still like your story.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Migwech!

Regina Brubacker, RN  
LTBB Health Educator



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Now Look For Our Odawa Gear

**Housing Department Programs**

Services are available to members residing within the 27 county service area. For more details on service area, please refer to the map on page 7

**Short Term Rental Assistance:** This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used **One Time Only** and the rent requested must be affordable and may not exceed 30% of the household's monthly income.

**Home Improvement Program:** This program offers up to 2,500 for non-cosmetic home repairs and may be utilized once every five years.

**Down Payment Assistance:** This program offers up to \$5,000 or 10 of your Mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or re-finance a home.

**Foreclosure Prevention Program:** This program offers up to 3,000 to assist in foreclosure prevention.

**Well & Septic Assistance Program:** Funded by the Indian Health Services located in Sault St. Marie, MI; this program provides the resources and technical assistance associated with the installation of a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

**Credit Counseling:** Our counseling provides Tribal members the knowledge it takes to gain financial stability and credibility.

**Transitional Housing Program:** This program is designed to assist families, for a limited time, until permanent housing can be found. **(Limited Availability)**. Please submit a letter of interest and your name will be placed on our waiting list.

**Elders Housing Development:** Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Elder Housing Development consists of 12 units and is designed to meet the needs of very low to moderate income level elderly Tribal members, age 55 and older. Please complete application and your name will be placed on our waiting list

**Greensky Hill Church Events**

We will be holding our second annual craft fair and flea market on Saturday, May 6, from 9AM to 4PM. Come see lots of unique crafts and good deals. Door Prizes every hour on the half hour. For more information please call Judy at 599.2915.

**Freedom From Smoking The Anishinabe Way**

Keep tobacco sacred. LTBB Community Health Department is offering you a chance to live a longer and healthier life. Please join us for this 7 week tobacco cessation program starting Wednesday, May 17th at 5:30 PM at Mina Mskiki Gumik LTBB Health Department (Old Bear River Health Park located behind Victories Casino). Please call Cathy Gibson at 242-1601 to sign up not only for yourself but for your family also. Megwetch. Hope to see you there!



**"No Downpayment Home Loans for Eligible Tribal Members"**

USDA Rural Development offers no downpayment home loans to eligible tribal members. Through its "Direct Home Loan Program", lower income tribal members can borrow directly from the USDA and get a no-downpayment, thirty-three year home loan with a fixed interest rate with no mortgage insurance required. Payment assistance is even available depending upon a member's household income. And the "Direct Loan Program" works on or off reservation.

For middle income tribal members USDA Rural Development offers the "Guaranteed Home Loan Program". Tribal members can get a home loan from an approved local lender such as a bank or credit union. Through the "Guaranteed Home Loan Program" tribal members get a no-downpayment, thirty-year home loan with a fixed interest rate with no mortgage insurance required. The "Guaranteed Loan Program" also works on or off reservation.

Tribal members can purchase new or existing homes and condominiums through this program. Even new manufactured homes are eligible for purchase through this program. However, tribal members must purchase their home in an area considered rural by USDA Rural Development. In Michigan, the entire Upper Peninsula is considered rural. In the Lower Peninsula, everywhere from Clare County northward is considered rural. And every county south of Clare County has parts considered rural by USDA Rural Development.

Income limits also apply to both home loan programs. For more information or to request an application contact the Traverse City USDA Rural Development office directly at 1-800-944-8119. (TDD/TTY: 1-800-649-3777) USDA Rural Development is an equal opportunity lender, provider and employer.

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Jake Pine

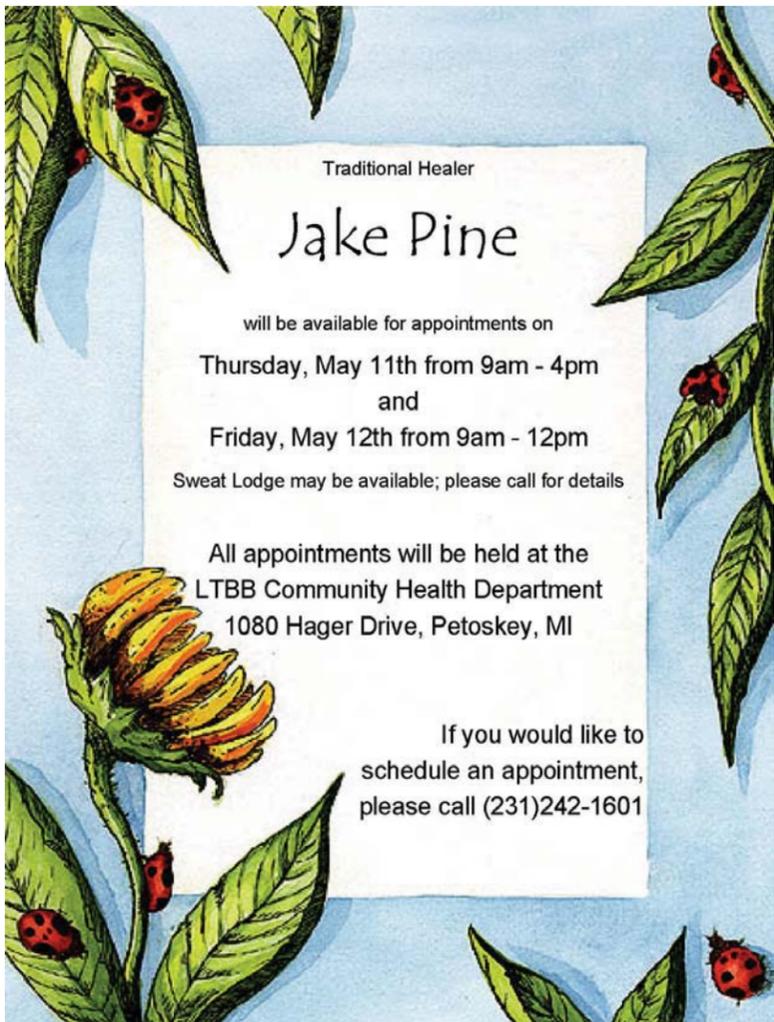
will be available for appointments on

Thursday, May 11th from 9am - 4pm  
and  
Friday, May 12th from 9am - 12pm

Sweat Lodge may be available; please call for details

All appointments will be held at the  
LTBB Community Health Department  
1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI

If you would like to  
schedule an appointment,  
please call (231)242-1601



# WOODLAND VOICES

FRIDAY NIGHT, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> 2006

HELD AT THE BIRCHWOOD INN, LAKE SHORE DRIVE HARBOR SPRINGS, MI

**Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM:**

Opening ceremonies will be conducted by Joe Mitchell and Tony Davis.

Keynote speaker, Ray Kiogima, will give an opening prayer in Odawa and discuss and answer questions about his new book, *Odawa Language and Legends: Andrew J. Blackbird and Raymond Kiogima*.

Afterwards everyone will gather for music featuring some members of the Odawa Women's Drum Group and sing along with Warren Petoskey playing guitar.

**Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM:** "Herbal Medicine"- Vicki Lynn Will Display Native plants and talk about them.

**10:30 AM:** "Childhood Memories of Indiantown"- Veronica Medicine, Harriet Booth, Joe Kishego, and Ray Kiogima will reminisce about their youth in "Indiantown" located in downtown Harbor Springs.

Lunch break or order pizza. Throughout the day Kathy McGraw and Andrea Otto Will offer therapeutic Native massages.

**1:30 PM:** "The Sheridan Street Rats"-Simon Otto, Bill Dunlop, John Duvernay, and Richard Smith will trade stories about growing up in Petoskey's "Hungry Hollow."

**2:30 PM:** "Trees in the Woodland Forest"-Yvonne Walker-Keshick will talk about the many trees in Northern Michigan and their uses.

**6:30 PM:** Buffet Dinner for all presenters and those registered at the Birchwood Inn. After dinner all will gather for a "Talking Circle"

This symposium is free to all members of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and their relatives. For others registering for the weekend the price is \$150.00.

The Woodland Voices Event will be held at the Birchwood Inn, 7077 Lake Shore Drive, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. Reservations for rooms can be made at: <http://www.birchwoodinn.com> or (800) 530-9955. For other questions, please contact: Constance Cappel (231) 526-0527 or at: [ConstanceCappel.com](mailto:ConstanceCappel.com).

# 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JIIBAAKWE CELEBRATION

## Odawa Institute

### 8th Annual

### Jiibaakwe Celebration

### Miinan-Gilizis June 21 - 25 2006

### This year our celebration is in honor of Gijigowi (Victor Kishigo), Architect of the Institute.

### What is the Celebration about?

For the first seven celebrations we started in Spring, calling it the Mnookime Jiibaakwe. This year, we are starting on the Summer Solstice and have changed the name to the Niibin Jiibaakwe.

We are celebrating our unique culture and language. For our eighth annual celebration, we are highlighting two of our oldest local traditions. The first was crossing Little Traverse Bay using wiigwaas jiimaan (birch bark canoes). The second is the Pawaaganak Jiibaakwe (feasts for the pipes). We have lined up four days of language, cultural, history, art, and contemporary activities. To celebrate our language, we will start the activities with a feast for the Pawaaganak (pipes) and Deweganak (drums) on the solstice.

We hope that you, your families and friends will join us in the fun and help us maintain the vitality of our language and

culture.

EVENTS:

**Wednesday, June 21st Sunrise Ceremony Beaver Island stone circle**

If the weather looks good, we will paddle from the island to Cross Village.

**Wednesday, June 21st Fire Starting 4 pm-Osborne Rd**

with Matt Leskey and Larry Denemy

**Wednesday, June 21st Pwaaganag Jiibaakwe 6 pm-Osborne Rd.**

Waabska Ma'iingan (Tony Davis) is coordinating a traditional feast honoring all of the local pipes. We also will be feasting for our deweganak (drums). It is important that everyone bring their dewegan and a song to share in celebration of our continuous practice of these important activities.

This is a potluck, so bring a dish to pass. Children are encouraged!

**Thursday, June 22nd and Friday, June 23rd**

**Ozhitoonan Dewegan-Making Drums 10 am-5 pm Thursday 9 am-12 pm Friday Fred Harrington's house 1111 Howard St., Petoskey**

We will start by scraping the hair from soaked buffalo hides. Each participant selects a section of the rawhide, then cuts string and prepares the hide. Students may bring a drum ring or bend one from cedar. It will take most of the day to do this part.

Lunch and dinner provided. Please sign up in advance at

Indian Hills so we can prepare enough hides.

**Friday, June 23rd Gathering the Black Ash Tree John Pigeon & Family 12-7 pm**

We will hunt for and harvest a tree for the project on Saturday. Then on Friday evening we will have a feast and ceremony for these new drums and the black ash tree. Prior to the ceremony we will have another seminar on Fire Starting with Matt and Larry. Food provided.

**Saturday, June 24th Black ash Basket Making John Pigeon & Family at Indian Hills Gallery 10 am-5 pm**

Please sign up in advance for this repeat seminar at Indian Hills. John and his family have helped us before and everybody leaves at the end of the day with a basket and knowledge of an endangered tradition. Lunch provided.

**Sunday, June 25th Wiigwaas Jiimaan Nakzhiwed 8:30 am meet at the breakwall in Petoskey**

We will head across the bay from Petoskey to Harbor Springs in family-size jiimaan (canoes). Upon landing, we will share a feast at Indian Hills Community Room. The feast will start at noon.

It is important that paddlers sign up early at Indian Hills. If we have more paddlers than seats, we will come back across the bay to Petoskey.

The feast is a potluck

**Miigwetch gaabezhaayek! Thank you for coming!**

## ATTENTION: POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN

The LTBB Natural Resource Commission (NRC) has a program you may be eligible for. The Commercial Fisherman Small Boat Lease Program is designed to provide eligible tribal members with the gear necessary to begin commercial gill net fishing. The NRC currently has five small commercial fishing boats (three 16' Princecrafts and two 20' Lunds) in the program. The boats are leased out to eligible tribal members for the sole purpose of commercial fishing within the 1836 Ceded Territory waters. The boats are provided free of charge, however, conditions and restrictions on use will be incorporated in the lease agreement of which the Tribal member shall have to abide. So, if you are a tribal member who has an interest in becoming a commercial fisherman, please feel free to contact the LTBB Natural Resource at (231) 242-1670 for specific details.

Three Pines Studio in Cross Village has invited a number of women who work with fiber to create shawls for a special exhibition.

### Shawls: Adornment & Protection A Woman's History in Fibers, July 1 - 23, 2006 Opening Reception: July 1, 2 - 7 p.m.

We are inviting LTBB women to also participate. "The skies the limit" in terms of what kind of shawl you create or what materials you use. This is an invitation to all women who live in Northern Michigan. All exhibited work must be for sale. Gallery commission is 30%. Deadline for submission is June 4, 2006.

**Three Pines Studio 5959 W. Levering Rd  
Cross Village, MI 49723  
(at the corner of Levering and State Rd)  
For more information: 231- 526-9447**

### Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Food Distribution Program Warehouse Schedule

Days for Distribution			
1st Monday	1 & 2	person households	
2nd Monday	3 & 4	person households	
2nd Tuesday	GTB Elders		
3rd Monday	5 +	person households	
Hours for Distribution			
Open	9am	to	noon
Closed for lunch			
Open	1 pm	To	5pm

If you missed your pickup please call Patrick Boda at [231-242-1627](tel:231-242-1627)

## 2006 Little Traverse Bay Bands Meeting for Tribal Members

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Registration starts at 8:30 A.M.

Location:  
Petoskey Middle School  
801 Northmen Drive  
Petoskey, Michigan 49770

## Opening May 1

## S.A.G.E. Center

Spiritual Awareness & Guidance Energy Center  
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Gift baskets, Books, CD's, Medicine Sticks, Dream Catchers, Cards, Healing Teas & Balms, Soy Candles & much more!!!

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Phone: 231.348.3334

# Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
March 19, 2006  
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle  
9:15 a.m. Smudging  
9:30 a.m.

Executive Session: no  
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:32 a.m.  
Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.  
Absent:: None

Executive Office Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, William Denemy-Vice Chairman, Rebecca Fisher-Executive Assistant

Legal Staff Present: Allie Greenleaf Maldonado-Assistant General Counsel

Staff Present: Michele LaCount-Legislative Office Manager, Dawn Shenoskey-Tribal Court Administrator, Valerie Tweedie-Chief Financial Officer, Carla McFall-Language Coordinator, Albert Colby, Jr., Heidi Yapple-Grant Writer

Commission, Boards and Committees: none

Guests: Mary Schneider, Susan Swadling, Harvey Gibson, Jim Fisher, Tyler Fisher, Alex Fisher

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt the agenda for March 19, 2006 as amended.  
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve the minutes of March 5, 2006 as presented.  
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara to ratify into the record the Phone Poll of March 8, 2006. The reason for the Phone Poll was: There is a deadline of March 15, 2006 for funding Tribal Transportation Improvement. This is a BIA requirement. Phone Poll Passed  
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution # 031906-01 Appropriating \$24,111.92 in Additional Funding to the Tribal General Funds, to Come From Prior Period Fund Balance, 2006 Tribal Court Budget  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

10:22 a.m. Recess Called  
10:34 a.m. Meeting Reconvened

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to accept the Legal Department's verbal and written report presented by Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, as presented.  
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0

Absent  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to protect the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians logo with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to include the logo with feathers and the words Waganakising Odawa.  
Vote: 6 Yes, 3 No (Secretary Kiogima, Councilor McNamara, Legislative Leader Law), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to abandon class 06, class 012, class 042 of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Harrington)  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution # 031906-02 Approve and Appropriate Fluent Anishnaabemowin Teacher Position for \$74,504.  
(Motion on hold in consideration of Public Comment)

11:47 a.m. Public Comment opened: Mary Schneider, Susan Swadling, Harvey Gibson, Jim Fisher, Tyler Fisher, Alex Fisher  
12:00 p.m. Public Comment closed

(Discussion of previous motion continues regarding proposed resolution)  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-abstained, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

12:17 p.m. Lunch recess called until 1:45 p.m.  
1:50 p.m. Meeting resumed

Councilor Shananaquet absent

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution # 031906-03 Travel Funding for Native American Olympics.  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-no, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-no, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-no, Legislative Leader Law-no  
Motion died

2:18 p.m. recess called  
2:22 p.m. meeting reconvened

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution # 031906-04 Recommendation to the State of Michigan for inclusion of Anishnaabemowin as a Second Language in Educational Requirements.  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt Resolution # 031906-05 to Stop Conducting Business with "Pete's Pipe and Barrel" as Long as They Display a "Cigar Store Indian".  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Roberts to place Business Assumed Name Act sponsored by Fred Harrington on the Legislative agenda.  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Roberts to place Food Safety Act sponsored by Fred Harrington on the Legislative agenda.  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to place Gijigowi Anishnaabemowin Program Act Sponsored by Fred Harrington on the Legislative agenda.  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to place Tribal Member Preference in Training Act as sponsored by Councilor Harrington on the Legislative agenda.  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Roberts to enact Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments.  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-no, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to enact Disclosure of Public Compensation Act.  
(Motion on hold in consideration of Recess)

3:22 p.m. Recess Called  
3:30 p.m. Meeting Reconvened

(Discussion of previous motion continues regarding proposed statute)  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-no, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-no, Treasurer Oldman-no, Secretary Kiogima-no, Legislative Leader Law-no  
Motion Fails

3:52 p.m. Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara to go into closed session to discuss the Carey v. Victories Casino, Harlan Eckholm and John Espinosa, case. The session will be recorded on a separate disc.  
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstained (Treasurer Oldman, Councilor Roberts), 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion Carried

3:53 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Roberts to go out of closed session.  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion Carried

4:00 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments  
4:01 p.m. Public Comment closed

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Oldman for Tribal Council to attend the STOP Grant proposed

Domestic Violence Statute informational seminar and to support \$811.25 for the Special Event in May 2006. Cost to come from the Tribal Council Special Event, line item.  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution # 031906-06 Permission to Discuss Law Suit with Tribal Chairman and Tribal Council.  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-abstained, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-abstained, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

4:15 p.m. Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara to go into closed session to discuss the Carey v. Victories Casino, Harlan Eckholm, John Espinosa case. The session will be recorded on separate disc.  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Harrington)  
Motion Carried

4:55 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Harrington to go out of closed session.  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution # 031906-07 Permission to Discuss all Employee Handbooks with the Executive Branch.  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Tribal Executive verbal and written report with confidential report with in.  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution # 031906-08 To Approve Requested Action in Enjinaaknegeng Confidential Memo # 031906-01.  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-abstained, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-abstained, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt Resolution # 031906-09 United States Environmental Protection Agency FY 2006 Tribal Solid Waste Management Assistance Project Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Alternative Solid Waste Management Project.  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent,

Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt tribal Resolution # 031906-10 Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Recovery Community Services Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in collaboration with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. Peer Recovery Support Services Grant.  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution # 031906-11 Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Fiscal Year 2006 Demonstration Grants for Indian Children, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Educational Opportunities Improvement Project for Indian Students.  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution # 031906-12 Request for Funding

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2006

May 6, 2006 Work Session  
May 7, 2006 Council Meeting  
May 20, 2006 Work Session  
May 21, 2006 Council Meeting

June 10, 2006 Work Session  
June 11, 2006 Council Meeting  
June 24, 2006 Work Session  
June 25, Council Meeting

**ALL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE TRIBAL COURT ROOM LOCATED AT 7500 ODAWA CIRCLE, HARBOR SPRINGS**

### EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK, TRIBAL CHAIRMAN  
WILLIAM DENEMY, VICE CHAIRMAN

### LEGISLATIVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

BEATRICE A. LAW, LEGISLATIVE LEADER  
SHIRLEY OLDMAN, TREASURER  
MELVIN L. KIOGIMA, SECRETARY  
FRED HARRINGTON, JR., COUNCILOR  
REGINA GASCO BENTLEY, COUNCILOR  
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RITA SHANANAQUET, COUNCILOR  
ALICE YELLOWBANK, COUNCILOR  
DEXTER MCNAMARA, COUNCILOR



# Lines From our Membership...

## BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday to **Alicia Nowell**.

Happy birthday to my little sister, **Eileen Dennis** on May 16th. Have a happy one!!!  
Love ya, Judy

Happy Birthday to **Viola McNamara** on May 7th. Have a great day mom and we all love you very much.  
Dexter, Debbie, Derek, Shane, Billy, Gunnar, Cheryl, Brian, Manice Joe, Macklin and Jada.

Birthday greetings to the twins in the family **Marilyn & Melvin Napont** on May 15th! Hope you two enjoy your special day!!  
Love Theresa, Michael & Jordan

Happy Birthday to a very wonderful woman, mom, and friend! If you see **Mary Keshick** on May 4th, be sure to wish her a good one!! And BTW Mom, Happy Mother's Day, too!! You're the absolute BEST!!  
All our love, Theresa, Michael & Jordan

Birthday greetings to my niece, **Rebecca Prater**, on May 29th! Hope you enjoy your special day and

many more!!  
Love, Theresa, Michael & Jordan

Fish on!!!! If you see NRC Chairperson **John Keshick, Jr.** on May 27th, be sure to wish him a Happy Birthday! And by the way, dear brother, we know that cake is jet black this year because you're officially OVER THE HILL!!! LOL!! Hope you have a great day!!  
Love, Theresa

"Happy Birthday wishes goes out to our **Susie Q**, who celebrates her birthday on the 27th of May- From the Gasco & Searles Family!"

If you happen to see **Petchiese** around on May 1, wish her a happy birthday. Your doing such a good job turning your live around and finish school.  
Love your cousin

Happy Birthday to **Beth Kiogima** on May 1<sup>st</sup>. I hope You have a great day,

filled with laughter and happiness.  
Love, your sister Marian

Happy Birthday wishes to **Aunt Beth Kiogima**.  
From your Niece, Kathy in Alabama

May 13th- Happy 6th Birthday to **Weengush**, a wonderful son.  
Love- Mom, Dad, Noodin and Waasmowin.

Happy Birthday to **Alven Eldergraph** on May 3<sup>rd</sup>

MinoDibishkaak! **NmebineGiizis NongoKwe (Dorothy Sagitaw)**, Elizabeth Gasco, Veronica (Biniik) Medicine, Pat Naganashe, Anna Mae Stead, Maanii Keshick miinwa Maanii daansan Theresa!

MinoDibishkaak Nwiitaawis **Sharon Sierzputowski** miinwa Nwiiijkenhwis Shann Davenport!

Aanii Nwiikaane, **Raggy** MinoDibishkaak! Aapidji Gazaagigo, Pane. Gdanwendaaganak



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

AAHAAW BINOOJISAG!!!!

Twin sons, Nizu Hena Yellowbank and Haga Redmond Yellowbank, were born to Theresa Chingwa and Robert "Bobby" Yellowbank of Petoskey on March 2, 2002, at Northern Michigan Hospital. Nizu weighed 5 pounds, 13.6 ounces and was 18 inches tall at birth. Haga weighed 5 pounds, 8.7 ounces and was 17 3/4 inches tall at birth. Their sibling is 3 1/2 years old Kunu Robert Yellowbank. Kunu means "first born son" in the Ho-Chunk language, Nizu Hena means "Rain second born son" and Haga means "third born son". Proud



**Pictured: Haga (left) Nizu (Right)**  
Grandparents are Robert and Alice Yellowbank of Oden and Robert and Susie Bickham of Petoskey.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Andrea Wasquam Pierce, from your family, on being appointed Vice President of the North American Indian Association of Detroit (N.A.I.A). The N.A.I.A. is the oldest urban indian organization in the country.

Congratulations to Carly Searles for completing her first year of Middle School Volleyball. Her team completed an undefeated season at 28 - 0. She recorded a record 63 aces in one tournament. Her team won all four

7th grade volleyball tournaments they competed in. Keep up the good work. Two more years until High School. Cannot wait.  
Love ya, Mom, Dad, and Andi

Congratulations Ngwiss Cody Bigjohn for making the Dean's List. Cody is a full time student at NCMC and is completing his Associates degree in May.  
Kiinagachtoon!



## Spring Feast Postponed

The Families of Walker, Keshick and Worthington are postponing their annual Spring Feast, The Feast was to be held on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006. A new date will be released the revised date at a latter time. Sorry for any inconvenience

## WALKING ON...

Gladstone, MI  
Darrel "Joe" Couillard, age 54, of 8395 P.5 Road, Gladstone, MI died unexpectedly Thursday, March 9, 2006, at the University Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona. Joe was born January 1, 1952 in Eckerman, MI, the son of Oliver and Delores (Kesick) Couillard. He was raised in the Perkins area and was a 1970 graduate of Perkins High School. While at Perkins High he excelled at basketball and scored over 1,000 career points. After working for a few years, Joe attended Northern Michigan University. Joe was united in Marriage to the former Victoria LaFave on December 29, 1970 in Marquette and they made their home in Gladstone. From 1984 to 1986 they resided in Memphis, TN until they relocated to Flagstaff, AZ where Joe was employed as a Terminal Manager with Ruan Trucking and Leasing Co. Joe had to retire in 1998 due to illness. In 2004 they returned to the Gladstone area to be close to friends and family. Joe's passion in life was spending time with his family, especially his four (4) grandchildren whom he adored. His other passion in life was hunting. The pinnacle of his hunting career was being drawn for a prestigious big horn sheep hunt in the rugged desert of Arizona. There is a less then 1% chance of being selected for this hunt and Joe got his trophy sheep. Joe was a lifetime member of the N.R.A., a member of Ducks Unlimited and a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. In addition to his beloved wife Victoria, survivors include:

- 2 Sons:
    - Joseph (Laura) Couillard of Yorktown, VA
    - Jeremy (Gina) Couillard of Flagstaff, AZ
  - 6 Brothers:
    - Dwayne (Cheryl) Couillard of Perkins, MI
    - Larry (Cindy) Couillard of Soo Hill, MI
    - Allan (Judy) Kesick of Rapid River, MI
    - William Dunlop of Escanaba, MI
    - Dan Dunlop of Marinette, WI
    - Gary Dunlop of Escanaba, MI
  - 3 sisters:
    - Cheryl (Marty) Sagataw of Harris, MI
    - Francine (Mark) Loper of Petoskey, MI
    - Louise (Chris) Beauchamp of Soo Hill, MI
- The Light of Joe's life was his four (4) Grandchildren: Colin and Kailey Couillard of Yorktown, VA and Taylor and Chance Couillard of Flagstaff, AZ.  
Also survived by numerous relatives and friends.

The temperature is rising. It's a great time to get outside and increase our activity level. Remember, Native Way access cards will need to be reprogrammed on April 10th for access to the gym. Don't forget to notify Contract Health within 72 hours of any emergency room, hospital, or specialist visit to qualify for coverage, (elders have thirty days). Enjoy the spring!

**Terry J. Samuels M.D.**  
Medical Director

Do You Know Who These People Are?



**If you have any information about this photograph, contact the Archives & Records Department at 242-1450**

Tribal Government Offices will be  
**Closed May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
in Observance of the Memorial Day  
Holiday. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Please plan your tribal business accordingly.

You can now advertise in the Odawa Trails. If you are interested and would like a rate quote, Please contact LTBB Communications Department at: (231) 242.1427 or e-mail: newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov